

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GAY ANN MASOLO**, on February 12, 1999
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 312 - 1 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gay Ann Masolo, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Lawson, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Linda McCulloch, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. John L. Holden (R)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Mark Noennig (R)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Allan Walters (R)
Rep. Diana Wyatt (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro (D)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Rep. Sam Rose (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Connie Erickson, Legislative Branch
Linda Scott, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing Dated: HB 528, 2/12/1999; HB 549,
2/12/1999; HJ 20, 2/12/1999;
HJ 21, 2/12/1999
Executive Action: HB 528; HB 549; HJ 20; HJ 21

HEARING ON HB 528

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Carole Juneau
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 23 - 123}
EXHIBIT (edh35a01)

EXHIBIT (ed

h35a02)

EXHIBIT (ed

h35a03)

EXHIBIT (ed

h35a04)

EXHIBIT (ed

h35a05)

Proponents' Testimony:

Senator Dorothy Eck, Bozeman, Mt.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 125 - 189}

Wayne Buchanan, B.P.E.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 192 - 218}

Terri Bixby, self

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 222 - 300}

Cassie Curley, self

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 302 - 349}

Bill Cooper, O.P.I. Deputy Director

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 355 - 377}

Denise Juneau, self, O.P.I.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 380 - 455}

EXHIBIT (edh35a06)

EXHIBIT (ed

h35a07)

Lance Melton, M.S.B.A.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 457 - 473}

Kevin Howlett, representing Federated Nations of the Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 475 - 540}

EXHIBIT (edh35a08)

Eric Feaver, M.E.A./M.F.T.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 542 - 577}

EXHIBIT (edh35a09)

Joyce Silverthorn, self

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 582 - 598}***EXHIBIT**(edh35a10)

Christine Coleman, self

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 601 - 637}

Dan Juneau, self, retired teacher

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 639 - 670}***EXHIBIT**(edh35a11)

EXHIBIT(edh35a12)

Ellen Swaney, O.C.H.E., Helena, Mt.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 671 - 684}

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 715 - 726}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 728 - 767}

HEARING ON HB 549

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Monica Lindeen

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 805 - 872}

Proponents' Testimony:

Bill Cooper, O.P.I., Deputy Director

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 879 - 919}

Inga Nelson, M.E.A/M.F.T.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 921 - 933}

Opponents' Testimony:

Steve White, Bozeman, Mt., Chairman of Montana Home Educators.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 935 -

*999}***EXHIBIT**(edh35a13)

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 1 - 72}

Tom Stockton, self

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 75 - 105}

EXHIBIT(edh35a14)

Lois Gilge, self

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 107 - 160}EXHIBIT(edh35a15)

Lisa Lord, Stockton, Mt., mother.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 162 - 181}

Sid Hughes, Glasgow, Mt., self.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 190 - 225}

Roger Koopman, President of Mt. Trustees of Freedom

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 227 - 284}

Linda Darelius, self, Helena, Mt.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 286 - 298}

Robert R. Benson, E. Helena, Mt., self.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 300 - 335}

Russ Wahl, farmer, near Cutbank, Mt. home schooler for 15 yrs.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 337 - 390}

Kent Gilge, Havre, Mt., self.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 392 - 417}

Kirby Gilge, Ronan, Mt., self.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 419 - 446}

Informational Testimony:

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 456 - 516}

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 516 - 820}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 821 - 903}

HEARING ON HJ 20

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Joe Quilici

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 1 - 36}

Proponents' Testimony:

Lance Melton, M.S.B.A.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 37 - 38}

Bill Cooper, O.P.I., Deputy Director

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 38 - 40}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 46 - 52}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 53 - 54}

HEARING ON HJ 21

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Bob Lawson

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 55 - 62}

Proponents' Testimony:

Lance Melton, M.S.B.A.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 63 - 64}

Bill Cooper, O.P.I., Deputy Director.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 65 - 66}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 67 - 68}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 20

Motion: REP. HOLDEN moved that HJ 20 BE ADOPTED.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 69 - 70}

Motion/Vote: REP. LINDEEN moved that HJ 20 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 71 - 73}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 21

Motion: REP. HOLDEN moved that HJ 21 BE ADOPTED.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 74 - 75}

Discussion:
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 76 - 80}

Motion/Vote: REP. LINDEEN moved that HJ 21 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 81 - 83}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 549

Motion: REP. LINDEEN moved that HB 549 BE ADOPTED.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 102 - 103}

Discussion:
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 104 - 116}

Discussion about a proposed amendment by Rep. Rehbein:
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 117 - 126}

Discussion:
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 128 - 182}

Motion/Vote: REP. FACEY moved that HB 549 BE TABLED. Motion carried 10-8 with Rep. McCulloch, Facey, Gillan, Galvin-Halcro, Lindeen, Mangan, Rehbein, and Wyatt voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 528

Motion: REP. FACEY moved that HB 528 BE ADOPTED.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 216 - 218}

Discussion:
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 219 - 233}

Motion: REP. MCCULLOCH moved that HB 528 BE AMENDED.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 235 - 236}

Motion/Vote: REP. MCCULLOCH moved that HB 528 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 237 - 242}

Motion: REP. MCCULLOCH moved that HB 528 AMENDMENT PRESENTED BY M.E.A./M.F.T. BE ADOPTED.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 243 - 245}

Discussion:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 246 - 387}

Motion/Vote: REP. FUCHS moved that HB 528 AMENDMENT PRESENTED BY M.E.A./M.F.T. BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 10-8 with Reps. Andersen, Fuchs, Holden, McKenney, Rehbein, Rose, Walters, and Masolo voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 388 - 396}

Motion/Vote: REP. WYATT moved that HB 528 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. Motion carried 11-7 with Reps. Rehbein, Walters, Fuchs, Lawson, Masolo, Holden, and Rose voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 399 - 404}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:15 P.M.

REP. GAY ANN MASOLO, Chairman

LINDA SCOTT, Secretary

GM/LS

EXHIBIT (edh35aad)